



General Assembly

January Session, 2015

**Proposed Bill No. 495**

LCO No. 1929



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:  
SEN. CHAPIN, 30th Dist.

***AN ACT FUNDING AN INDEPENDENT STUDY TO DETERMINE THE  
FEASIBILITY OF RESTORING PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE FROM  
DANBURY TO THE MASSACHUSETTS BORDER.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars be  
2 appropriated to the Department of Transportation, from the Special  
3 Transportation Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, for an  
4 independent study to determine the feasibility of restoring passenger  
5 train service along the existing line from Danbury to the Massachusetts  
6 border. Such study shall include a review of (1) the engineering  
7 feasibility, including a review of the cost estimates provided by the  
8 Housatonic Railroad to replace tracks and provide stations, (2) the  
9 market feasibility, including a financial analysis to analyze whether  
10 projected ridership numbers are reasonable, (3) operating feasibility,  
11 including a review of projected operating costs, and (4) the economic  
12 impact study commissioned by the Housatonic Railroad to  
13 independently determine the economic impact for northwestern  
14 Connecticut.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To study the expansion of passenger rail service from Danbury north.